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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE-FRELIMO NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE TO INDICATE
PORTUGUESE FON. MIN. AND MIN. FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION
ARE NOW IN DAR ES SALAAM. TALKS WITH FRELIMO ARE BEING CONDUCTED,
HOWEVER, WITH GREAT SECRECY. TANZANIA FON. MIN. OFFICIALS ARE
RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT, THUS MAKING DIFFICULT OUR EFFORTS
TO DEVELOP INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING TO RUETER'S CORRESPONDENT, VISITING DUTCH JOURNALIST

CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD DRINKS WITH PORTUGUESE FON. MIN. SOARES AND MIN. FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 15 IN KILIMANJARO HOTEL. (NOT SURPRISINGLY, NEITHER OFFICIAL IS LISTED IN HOTEL REGISTRY.) IN RESPONSE TO DUTCHMAN'S QUESTION AS TO PURPOSE OF VISIT, THEY REPORTEDLY SAID THEY ARE HERE AS TOURISTS AND "WISH TO BUY SOME MAKONDE CARVINGS".

3. IN PAST 24 HOURS, FRELIMO OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE EVEN TO PERSONS THEY NORMALLY ACCORD READY ACCESS. IN SEVERAL CASES, FRELIMO OFFICIALS HAVE BROKEN APPOINTMENTS WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

4. KNOWLEDGEABLE TANZANIAN JOURNALIST, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM CHARGE, STATED FLATLY THAT SOARES ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM THURSDAY MORNING.

5. COMMENT: TANGOV AND FRELIMO ARE BEING CLOSE-MOUTHED ON THIS MATTER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS IN MEDIA OF NEGOTIATIONS OR EVEN FACT MEETING GOING ON HERE. DURING DINNER EVENING OF AUGUST 15 IN HONOR OF TANZANIAN DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SUEDE, HE REFUSED TO RESPOND TO QUESTION FROM ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WHO DEAN OF DIP CORPS CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF SOARES. AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED TO EMB. OFF. YESTERDAY DESIRE BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FOR COMPLETE SECRECY. IN VIEW STRESS ON SECRECY, HOWEVER, UNLESS GENERAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED AND COMMUNIQUE RELEASED, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN MUCH INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCE SOARES-FRELIMO TALKS.
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